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GIRLS FAINT ON STAND AT IMROTH INQUEST, RECALLING HORROR OF RIORDAN FIRE

***Building Commissioner Ericsson and Factory Inspector
Davies Did Not Enforce Law—If They Had, Girl
Probably Would Have Escaped Fire Trap.***

Anna Imroth was suffocated in the fire that destroyed the Riordan factory, January 21, because that building was not constructed with the law of Illinois and of Chicago.

The responsibility for the conditions leading to her death must rest on the shoulders of four parties. First, the owners of the building, Mrs. W. J. Bell, and a Mr. Palmer, whose initials are not known. Second, the lessees of the building, the T. C. Riordan Manufacturing Co. Third, the state factory inspector, whose duty it is to see that the state laws regarding factories are enforced. And fourth, Building Commissioner Ericsson, whose duty it is to see that the city ordinances regulating the construction of factory buildings are enforced.

And every solitary one of these parties is dodging the issue, and passing the buck. And no one is

to be punished for the death of Anna Imroth.

Twenty-four days ago The Day Book declared that the suffocation of Anna Imroth was plain murder. That statement was fully borne out at the inquest over the dead girl's body yesterday.

It was borne out at the inquest only because of the demand of The Day Book that the investigation into the causes of the death be a thorough one.

Soon after the fire, Deputy Coroner Sam Davis wrote to Building Commissioner Ericsson, asking if the building had been found constructed according to law at the last inspection.

Ericsson wrote back that there had been no inspection by his department because the building was less than three stories in height, taking shelter behind the fact that the first story of the